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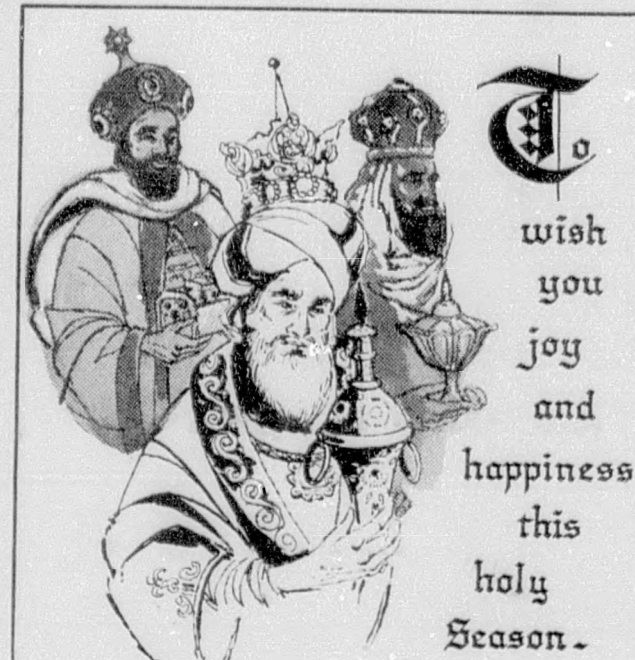
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With grateful  
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"Hark! The herald angels sing. Glory to the new-born king!" Young voices raised in song, young faces alight with the wonder of Christmas recall to all of us the manifold joys and blessings of this holy time. May the spirit of Christmas fill your heart and enrich your life, always.

**Merry Christmas to All**

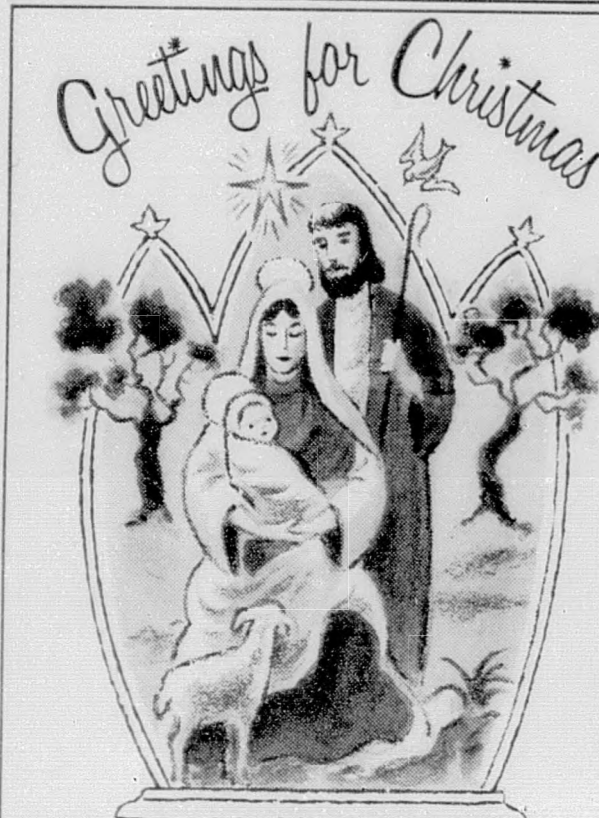
# Lithographer "Fathered" American Greetings, Encouraged Artists

To Louis Prang, a native of Breslau, Germany, goes the credit for being "father of the American Christmas card." Prang, a lithographer who began a greeting card business in Roxbury, Mass., exhibited his own cards at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. He then had the idea of holding an annual competition to obtain the best of American art for cards. Hundreds of paintings were entered in Prang's contest, for prizes from two hundred to one thousand dollars. Winners, with two exceptions, were artists born in the United States. Women artists were well-represented among winners. Rousa Emmet was the mother of the late author and playwright, Robert Emmet Sherwood. Others were Dora Wheeler, Anne Morse, Elizabeth Humphrey and Florence Taber. The group of 30 Prang prize cards is owned by Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers.



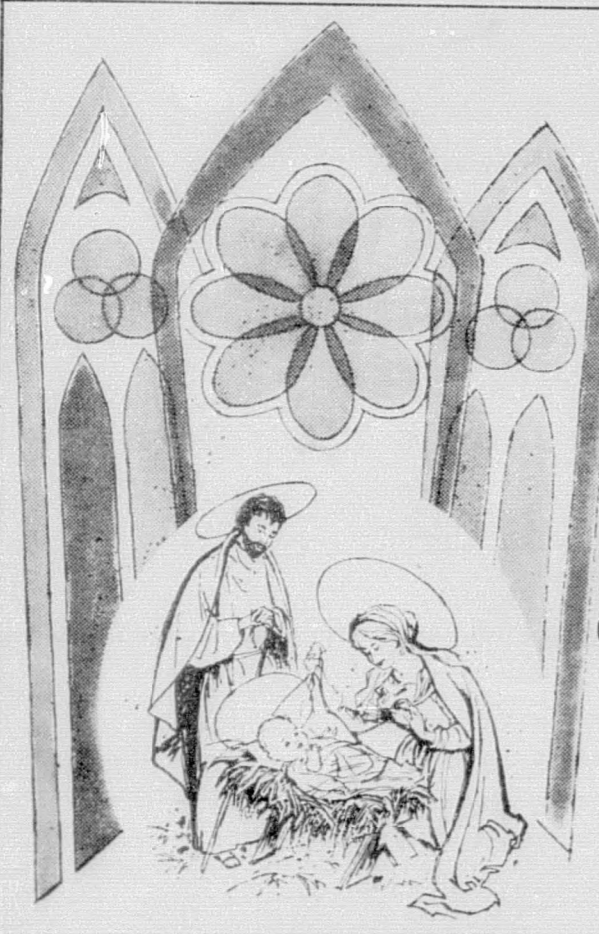
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QUIET COUNTRY LANDSCAPE COVERED WITH SNOW is traditional vision of Christmas cherished by most folks. Even in climes where snow never falls, dreams of a white Christmas dance in the heads of young and old. With a little imagination, Christmas is always a winter wonderland.

## One Holiday Has Many Rituals

Though Christmas comes but once a year, there is certainly no one and only way to celebrate it. In addition to the many customs that are generally shared, lights, bells, trees, gifts, Santa, prayer and feasting — the special ways of observing the holiday are as varied and numerous as the communities and families involved.

Often the history and culture of a community is the inspiration for the way it celebrates Christmas. In other cases the "customs" are consciously developed in an effort to express the spirit of the season. It doesn't take long for these community projects to become well-loved, even "old-fashioned" traditions.

Volumes could be filled with an account of interesting, community Christmas, each of them different. A few are summarized below.

**"Santa's Land, U.S.A."**  
Feature of the Christmas season at Putney, Vt., is "Santa's Land, U.S.A." Santa greets his friends here in one of his homes-away-from-home — since the North Pole must be considered his official residence.

The building is set against a background of pine trees, in the foothills of Vermont's Green mountains. The large letters "S. C." on the chimney identify it as Santa's residence.

**In New Orleans**  
Carol sings are a traditional part of the holiday season in New Orleans. Many of them are held across the street from St. Louis cathedral. This historic cathedral in the French Quarter is a focal point for the community's religious observances of Christmas.

Here youthful carolers from a private elementary school, La Petite Ecole, convene to sing the familiar songs, in both French and English.

**"Christmas Tree Lane"**  
Important part of the holiday season in California is the famous ceremony of "Christmas Tree Lane" at Altadena. Huge deciduous oaks border the public thoroughfare in this city.

**In French Canada**  
In French-Canadian homes one of the highlights of Christmas is the "Revelion," a middle-of-the-night family feast, for adults. The meal is served after the return from midnight mass but the preparations start many weeks ahead.

Much of the food for the feast, nowadays, centers around turkey and trimmings. But the traditional dishes, including goose with nut stuffing, and such specialties as "tourtiere," or spicy pork pies, are still prepared for the Revelion.

**Actors Go A-Caroling**  
Community caroling in Hanover, Va., for the past 10 years has been provided by a group of actors from Backstage theatre and friends.

Moving about the town in red costumes and carrying lighted candles, the carolers concentrate on houses with children and elderly people. They approach the houses singing "Jingle Bells," render two more carols, and move away singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

**In New Mexico**  
Indian, Spanish and American cultures all contribute to "Jesus' atonahlia."

These words of joy and exultation come from Canada's first Christmas carol. If they seem somewhat incomprehensible, the explanation is simple. They are written in the language of the Huron Indians. The meaning is, "Jesus is born!"

The carol of the Huron nation was written by Father Jean Brebeuf, Jesuit missionary who came to the land of the Hurons in 1626. Father Brebeuf worked with the Hurons in the Canadian wilderness for 23 years, helping them and composing for them a poem in their own language. Then, during an attack by the Iroquois, he was captured and tortured to death. In his martyrdom, his words live on, for the Hurons remembered their carol, "Jesus atonahlia!"

It is good to have served you, and we are grateful, not only from the standpoint of the good business we've enjoyed, but from the knowledge that our greatest asset is our many friends we are privileged to serve.



## GREETINGS of the Christmas Season

Christmas! The word awakens a host of happy expectations... stirs the imagination with visions of turkey and treats, gifts and greetings, laughter and friendship. It's a sparkling season, a joyous season... a season that beams a spiritual light into our hearts. We wish all its delights for you.

**Luther Pope and Sons and Employees**

## What's in a Name? Shakespeare Called Play "Twelfth Night," But He Chose Different Subject

"After dinner to the Duke's House, and there saw Twelfth Night" acted well, though it be but a silly play and not related at all to the name." So wrote the English diarist, Samuel Pepys, in recording the events of January 6, 1663.

Later critics have taken a more enthusiastic view of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" than did Mr. Pepys, but they have to agree that the comic gambol bears no relation to its title. Apparently, the play was so named because it had been written to be performed on Twelfth Night.

Had Shakespeare chosen to do it, he had ample materials at hand to create a play that was really about "Twelfth Night."

Characters ready for Shakespeare's pen were such traditional folk as "Patrick, O'Tater," "Lady Bluestocking," "Captain Blunderbuss," and others. At Twelfth Night frolics, the young people, especially, dressed themselves in costumes to suggest these characters.

Shakespeare, however, preferred to write of Sir Toby Belch, Malvolio, Olivia and others, and critics can only speculate upon what might have been if he had taken

"Twelfth Night" for his theme as well as his title.

**Message Of Christmas Lives Anew**  
"And to the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was." Matthew 2:9.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:16.

From two who became His disciples come the words that tell the story of that Holy Night, the first Christmas. Matthew the tax collector wrote of the Star that shone in the east, and of wise men who followed it to find and worship Him.

Luke the physician wrote of shepherds watching in the fields and herald angels singing in the heavens.

At church services during this Christmas season the words of the tax collector and the physician will be read and studied once again, with ever-deepening meaning.

And as the story is told anew, it is also reflected in the many observances of Christmas, both in churches and in homes.

The joyful sound of carols harks back to the first of all carols, the words of the boy who, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

The glow of candles symbolizes the birth of Christ as the Light of the World, and it also mirrors the eternal gleam of the Star of Bethlehem.

The spirit of giving takes guidance from the gifts of the Wise Men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him.

Above all, at Christmas, mankind experiences once again the reverence, wonder and rejoicing of the wise men of whom Matthew says, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."

**Little Towns Of Bethlehem Celebrate**

Several states, all over the United States, can boast of having their very own little town of Bethlehem.

In New England, for example, there's a place named Bethlehem in New Hampshire, and another in Connecticut. Moving across country,

Bethlehems are found in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana and Iowa.

People from nearby communities and neighboring states are invited to Bethlehem, Conn., every Christmas to have their greeting card envelopes imprinted with a special-seasonal message, then mailed from the town post office.

Last year, due to the demand, there were ten different greeting designs available for Christmas card senders.

Also contributing to the holiday atmosphere in Connecticut's semi-official Christmas town, is the creche constructed by nuns at a nearby Benedictine monastery.

In the creche, which emphasizes the primitive simplicity of the Nativity, are life-sized figures of the Virgin and Joseph, dressed in peasant garb, and a crib with the Christ Child, covered by a bright patchwork quilt.

At Christmas, the nuns also make, and offer for sale, life-sized figures of the Virgin and Joseph, dressed in peasant garb, and a crib with the Christ Child, covered by a bright patchwork quilt.

Each Christmas, Bethlehem, Pa., is the scene of an impressive creche and carol and concert service.

Traditional Since 1741 the celebrated, complete with organ and orchestra music, in the Central Moravian Church, it has been a tradition since 1741 when Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, holding a lighted candle, led his people into a cabin and named their settlement Bethlehem in honor of the Christ Child.

Decorated trees also play an important part during Bethlehem's nationally famous Christmas festival on the Hill-to-Hill bridge connecting various parts of the city.

Every Christmas since 1951, a cool, star erected by townspeople has guided visitors to Bethlehem, Georgia.

On Christmas night, a carol service is held beneath the star.

**Nursing Class To Begin In March '65**

The Department of Practical Nursing at the George C. Wallace State Vocational Technical School, Napier Field, Dothan, Alabama, will begin a new class the first Monday in March 1965.

Among the requirements are that applicants must have completed at least the 10th grade, or its equivalent, and be between the ages of 18 and 50.

The practical nursing course at Napier Field was the first such program at a state school and was opened February 1, 1950. Mrs. Brooks Belmar, instructor, has been in the program since its opening date. Since February, 1950, 31 classes have been admitted and approximately 300 students have completed the course. These graduates are represented in all phases and agencies of nursing in all areas of the United States including Alaska, and in many foreign countries such as Germany and Turkey. A desire has developed in many of the graduates for more knowledge of nursing and advancement in the profession and they have entered schools of registered nursing. There are now schools in the United States which give credit for their practical nurse training to L.P.N.'s who meet requirements and desire to become R.N.'s.

The Kellogg Foundation conducted a survey in 1952 for the purpose of opening new schools and evaluating and improving schools already established. This school was one of those chosen to participate in the survey.

Due to demands for the graduates, and the varied opportunities available to those who qualify, standards for admission have been raised. This has been accomplished partly by improved aptitude testing and careful screening of applicants. The State Employment Service has designed an aptitude test specifically for applicants to practical nurse programs. This is one of two entrance examinations that must be passed before application can be accepted. The second is given at the school to those who successfully complete the

first test.

The Employment office in Dothan will administer the test in January, on scheduled dates, for those interested in the March class. Applicants whose names and addresses are on file at the school will be notified of the date and time to report for testing.

To help the students meet the standards set for the Licensed Practical Nurse, the instructors must constantly broaden their knowledge of both teaching and nursing techniques. They accomplish this by taking courses in teaching, attending conferences and workshops, and by supervision from the state level. Also, through cooperative efforts of the instructors to coordinate the program and to use all available resources of the affliating agency. In addition, the instructors belong to the nursing and education in nursing and education. They are continually

revising the curriculum to keep it up-to-date in theory and practice.

Mrs. Brooks Belmar, R.N., is in charge of the program and teaches basic nursing. This includes anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, nutrition, ethics, history of nursing, and nursing arts. Mrs. Cleo Freeman, R.N., teaches in the clinical areas and these subjects: medical and surgical nursing, obstetrics, pediatrics, diet therapy, emergency and disaster nursing, charting, and care of the aged. Mrs. Anne Smith, L.P.N., a graduate of the practical nursing program at Napier Field, is an assistant instructor.

The course requires 12 months to complete and is coordinated to allow the student to complete one phase of training before starting the next.

Interested persons may obtain further information by contacting Mr. George H. Grimley, director of the school.

Permanent "Hangover" Drunk: "You're the home-liest woman I ever saw." Lady: "Well, you're the drinkest man I ever saw." Drunk: "I know, lady, but I'll get over it in the morning."



**merry, merry Christmas**

Christmastime affords us the chance to express our heartfelt gratitude for the friendship and generosity you have shown us through the year. We extend best wishes for a happy holiday.

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Hope your Holiday begins and ends on the happiest of notes, with joy and peace for you, your family and friends. Merry Christmas!

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**Have plenty of Coca-Cola on hand when friends drop in unexpectedly**

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POOR ORIGINAL



## Cards Came Late in Yule Traditions

Many of today's Christmas traditions began somewhere in the dim past, but the practice of exchanging greeting cards is just a little over a century old.

In 1848 William Maw Egley, a "starving" young English artist, came up with the idea of designing a Christmas card and reproducing it on pieces of pasteboard for the public to buy.

Egley's card showed a family Christmas dinner, formal dinner, skating, carols, and other aspects of a celebration resembling the one in Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol," published a few years previously. Unfortunately, Egley's friends were not enthusiastic about his idea.

New Year's, however, was the "daddy" of all holiday cards was designed and etched in 1812 by J. A. Boerner, a young Londoner who wanted to apologize to friends for his failure to pay a New Year's Day visit. Mr. Boerner's card made it clear he was tied to his home by depicting him with his coat caught in the locked doorway of his house.

In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, a busy English "missionary" of culture, hit upon the idea of sending out little missives at Christmas. John Calcott Horsley of the Royal Academy, famous for his campaign against nude art, designed the cards and Sir Henry sent out 1000 to friends.

It wasn't until the early 1860's that cards were issued for general distribution by a large English publishing company.

Christmas greetings were introduced into the United States by the Marcus Card company of London. They became popular immediately, and in 1874 Louis Prang, a German immigrant, started a Christmas card business at Roxbury, Mass.

Custom Lost Fashion

At the turn of the century, he ceased publishing rather than compete with imports flooding the market. For the next decade or so the custom of exchanging cards fell out of fashion.

Only after World War One did American manufacturers begin to achieve success in the Christmas card business. Then inexpensive printing and lithographing processes brought Christmas cards within everyone's reach.

Despite its relatively recent start in this country, the custom has caught the fancy of the American public to the extent that it sends billions of Christmas cards every year, according to Mrs. Peggy Gilbert of Norcross, Ga.

Warding Off Witches

Led to Candy Canes

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with colored candies to distract evil witches.

Belief was that the evil ones become so interested in sorting the candies that casting of evil spells was forgotten, reports the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute.

Stocking Up

Starts with Santa

Santa Claus, envisioned today as a jolly, cheerful man with an affinity for children, was a romanticist too, according to legend.

The first Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, started the custom of hanging stockings by the chimney when his romantic heart was touched, and he lifted a bankrupt merchant's three marriageable daughters with gold for their dowries.

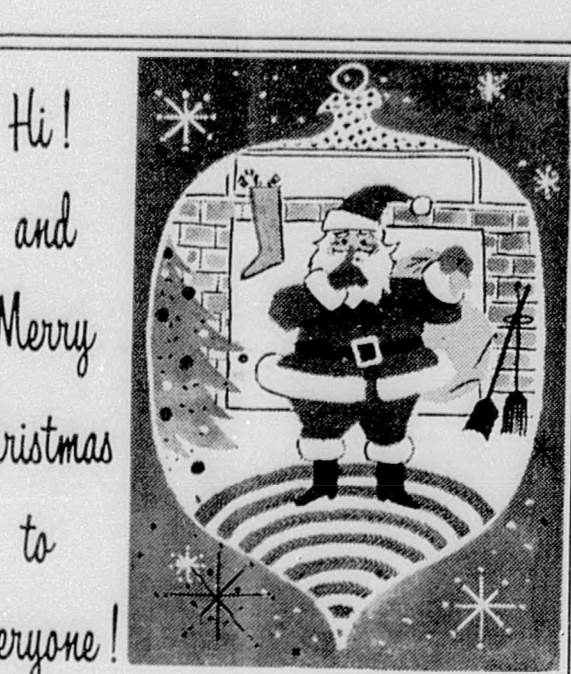
Desiring anonymity, he tossed the three bags of gold through the window, or, as some tell it, down the chimney.

One of the bags landed in a stocking which had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece. Hanging up stockings thus became part of the holiday ritual.



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We're thankful for our many friends and wish them happiness at this very special time. Merry Christmas!

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## White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country.

Washington also furthered the tradition by growing the first American holly as a decoration by growing the tree at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ices, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, festively decorated Christmas tree.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old-fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree in his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

Seeking Log Was Family Affair

The traditional Yule log survives today more in art, song and story than as an actual "Yule." After all, not every home has a fireplace nowadays, and even when a fireplace exists, its proportions are usually far from sufficient to accommodate the Yule logs of yore.

During ancient times in England, however, it was a solemn family ritual to select the log, dry it and burn it according to custom. Logs from fruit-bearing trees were preferred.

The whole family went along to select the log, as this was thought to bring good luck for the coming year, and to frighten away any witches.

If the log burned out quickly, or did not burn brightly, it meant bad luck ahead.

On Christmas morning, the children of the household beat upon the log and called for gifts to come forth. They were scolded by their parents, sent outside and, after time, called in to open the gifts, which had been set near the log.

Youngsters Told Where Santa Is "Right At Home"

Along with "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why can't I see the wind?" the favorite question of children everywhere is very often, "Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzle needn't get involved in explanations of just what and where is the North Pole. They can answer, with a straight face and a map to back them up, "Why Santa Claus, Indiana, of course!"

Or how about Belts, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama; Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will and cheer of this happy season all year.

There's only one disadvantage to living in one of these towns. Local parents, faced with the question, "Where does Santa live?" certainly can't say, "Why, right here in Christmas, Arizona, son," or the next logical question would be, much to Dad's consternation, "Uppset! Why don't we go visit him?"

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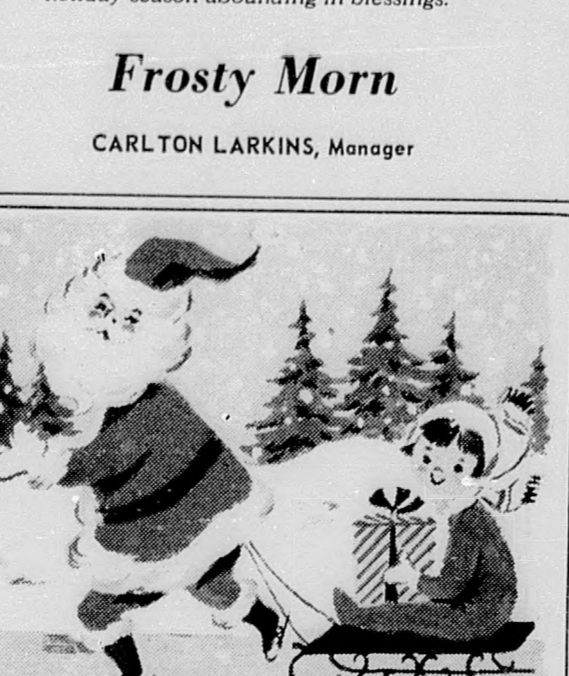
A Danish Christmas custom is the "Jul-bock," a long pole with a goat's head, whose duty it is to butt in when the children misbehave.



Let every heart rejoice... it's Christmas! To each and every one of our valued friends, we send our most cordial wishes for a holiday season abounding in blessings.

Frosty Morn

CARLTON LARKINS, Manager



As we greet the Christmas season, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank our friends for their kind support during the past year.

Western Auto

ASSOCIATE STORE

HOME OWNED AND HOME OPERATED BY WALTER COX



Children's cheery voices raised in Christmas song express the good will we feel for all our friends. Thanks and Merry Christmas!

Pixie Shop

## Wallace Supports Blue - Gray Game As A Top Travel Attraction

The annual Blue-Gray Classic, to be played December 26 in Montgomery, is listed as one of the twenty top travel attractions of the month on the calendar of the National Association of Travel Organizations.

The listing was announced by Governor George C. Wallace, who has personally supported the project.

The State Bureau of Publicity and Information recommended that the association list the Blue-Gray Classic as one of the top travel events.

"We are making every effort to promote and publicize this outstanding sports attraction. Proceeds go to a most worthy project—sight conservation," said Governor Wallace.

The governor issued a proclamation pertaining to the classic. It reads:

"Whereas, the annual Blue-Gray Classic is one of the most popular intercollegiate football classics, and whereas the sports fans throughout Alabama, the

Southeast, and the nation look forward with anticipation to this event, and Whereas, the Blue-Gray Classic serves a most humane and charitable function as the main source of funds for Alabama Sight Conservation, Incorporated, an organization created and operated by the Lions Club of Alabama.

Now, therefore, I, George C. Wallace, as Governor of Alabama, proclaim December 26, 1964, as Blue-Gray Classic Day in Alabama, and do hereby urge my fellow Alabamians to support this enjoyable event and worthwhile cause."

The game features outstanding college players from both North and South in their first "professional" game. Leading coaches are selected each year to guide the teams.

Many of the former participants have become professional stars. Among them are Y.A. Tittle, Bart Starr, Norman Snead, and Francis Tarkenton.

"I urge all my friends to attend the game. They will see a good football contest, and at the same time they will help a very worthy cause," Governor Wallace said.

Snow Scenes Say, "It's Christmas" To Everyone

Where the sun shines bright, the air is balmy and never is heard the disconcerting howl of a blizzard, Christmas is still a winter wonderland.

In northern climes the plaint is, "We just don't have snow for Christmas the way we used to," and even in climates where "decorated palm trees" substitute for evergreens and holiday picnics are more likely than sleigh rides, snow and plenty of it seem essential parts of the vision of the Yuletide.

Country snow scenes are popular greeting card subjects and Christmas illustrations in Southern states. South American countries and many other places where snow seldom or never falls. Songs and stories tell of Christmas wrapped in wintry white.

It Was Rainy Season

The popularity and persistence of the "winter wonderland" idea seems more remarkable since "snow for Christmas" must have been impossible, if not impossible, as a part of the Yuletide.

Rain was more likely, especially on the date officially celebrated as Christ's birthday, December 25 is right in the midst of the rainy season in Bethlehem.

Early art depicting the Nativity and the events following it was faithful to the probabilities. In these paintings, the shepherds watched in fields free of snow, and the Holy Family fled to Egypt under sunny skies, their route marked by palm trees. Later, snow appeared in paintings of the Holy Night.

White Means Purity

Part of the explanation may be that white, rather than white and green, was early chosen by churches as the color of Christmas. White is, of course, the symbol of purity and innocence, and a landscape white with snow thus becomes a proper expression of the true spirit of Christmas.

Other explanations may be

found in the origins of Christmas customs. Many of the pagan rites which were absorbed into the Christian celebration came from Northern Europe and, if not associated directly with snow, at least reflected the need for warmth in winter.

The Yule log, for instance, became a part of the early Christmas, and certainly an open fire indoors is enhanced by a blanket of snow outdoors.

Had Snowy Source

Consider, too, that a number of modern Christmas customs—the tree and its lights, for instance—came from Germany, where cold, snowy winters might logically contribute to the legends and lore of the season. The first lighted tree

was, supposedly, created by Martin Luther as a symbol of a starry sky on a snowy night. In modern times Irving Berlin and Bing Crosby have substantially strengthened the vision of a "White Christmas."

Bing singing Berlin's famous song is now a traditional part of the Yule season.

While many, perhaps most, people may be able only to dream of a white Christmas and create its semblance with cotton or spray-on snow, it's a safe assumption that the happiest season will continue to be envisioned as a snowy winter wonderland.

Norwegians hide an almond in the Christmas pudding. Tradition says the finder will be married in the next year.

## Red, Green Set Yule Scene With Symbolic Meanings

The traditional colors of the Christmas season are red and green. Yet these colors have meant different things to different people over the ages.

Color has been used to symbolize abstract ideas from time immemorial. For example, the role in medieval magic and sorcery of the alchemist's thought would turn base metals into gold and cure all diseases, was thought to be colored red, according to the Encyclopedia Americana. Red was also a favorite curative color in more recent superstitions.

In Indonesia, the people think a piece of bright red coral will keep its owner's teeth in good order, and there are people everywhere who are sure that a person owning a ruby will live to a ripe old age.

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The sound of church bells fills the minds and hearts of all with the true spirit of this joyous season. With that spirit in mind, we wish you and your loved ones health, happiness and joy at Christmastime and after.

DORSEY TRAILERS & EMPLOYEES

## Greeting Cards Chronicle Manners, Customs, Events

It all began in 1843 when John Calcott Horsley, a prominent London artist, drew the first Christmas card. Horsley's pioneering greeting was a triptych, a prime example of contemporary recording. The central panel showed a jolly family with young and old tipping toasts from brimming glasses, while the two side panels gave a sobering effect with scenes of the poor being clothed and the hungry fed. From that time on Christmas cards have faithfully chronicled the manners, customs and events of their times. One Christmas card collection, that of Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers, shows how relaxed relationships had become with its breezy greeting that says, "I cheer you, Dad!"

Christmas card artists have always been quick to pick up on the latest fashions and events. The advent of the horseless carriage was duly recognized in a card of 1910. Cut out in the shape of a car of that vintage, it cheerfully puns: "You Auto be Happy 1892," said Miss Mooney, "the Motor-Car Steer merrily thro' Christmas." Speed gaily as fun always Auto!

And in 1950, the early days of television were noted in a Christmas greeting which shows Santa tuning in TV. An historic event is frequently the inspiration for a Christmas card. When Lindbergh flew the Atlantic, the artist drew his "Spirit of St. Louis" flying over New York on a 1927 Christmas card. During World War One and Two Christmas cards became unobscured patriotic verses like "On Christmas Night, With Holly Berries Gleaming Bright, Our Thoughts fly true Over Ocean Blue and take a Christmas Wish to you" on a 1917 card brought balm to homesick doughboys.

Personalities who were household words of their times often popped up in Christmas cards. A 1934 card of 1934 offered five famous faces for the price of one. It showed the Duke of Windsor (then the Prince of Wales), Mussolini, Garbo, Chevalier and Mae West all wishing the lucky recipient seasonal greetings in their own particular style. In 1959 Christmas cards en-

tered the space age when Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Men-shikov decorated his season's greetings with pictures of three Lunik satellites. And after John Glenn's space flight, American card companies came out with a spate of cards that featured space ships, orbiting Santas and rockets.

In the 5th century the Western church ordered a feast celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. Traditionally, the birth was to be observed on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia. Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year and to commemorate the return of the sun they held their chief festival of Yule, which, like other pagan celebrations, became adapted to Christmas. The Teutonic Yule feast also provided customs for the Christmas festivities, such as the Yule log and wassail bowl.

### Of Wreaths

Using wreaths as decorations at Christmas may be traced to the customs of Advent season, the four Sundays before Christmas—a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. Traditionally, the advent wreath is made of evergreen branches interlaced with red ribbons. It holds four candles. One candle is lit at dusk on the first Sunday of Advent, two the next Sunday, three the next and four on the last Sunday before Christmas. The wreath may be placed on a door, set on a table or hung from the ceiling.



May we wish you a very Merry Christmas...

**Propane Gas & Appliance Company**  
New Brockton, Alabama

## Pagan Feasts Are Source Of Customs

Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were originally pagan or non-Christian, according to The Encyclopedia Britannica. In a somewhat different type of project to relieve an acute need for additional telephone equipment in Iraq, Dorsey built three special 37-foot insulated and air conditioned drop frame vans to house mobile telephone exchanges shipped recently by Stromberg-Carlson division of General Dynamics. The three complete systems, each of which provides for 900 lines, will make possible telephone service near Baghdad at sites where permanent exchanges will be erected later.

## Dorsey Trailers' Work Has Advanced Into Space Age

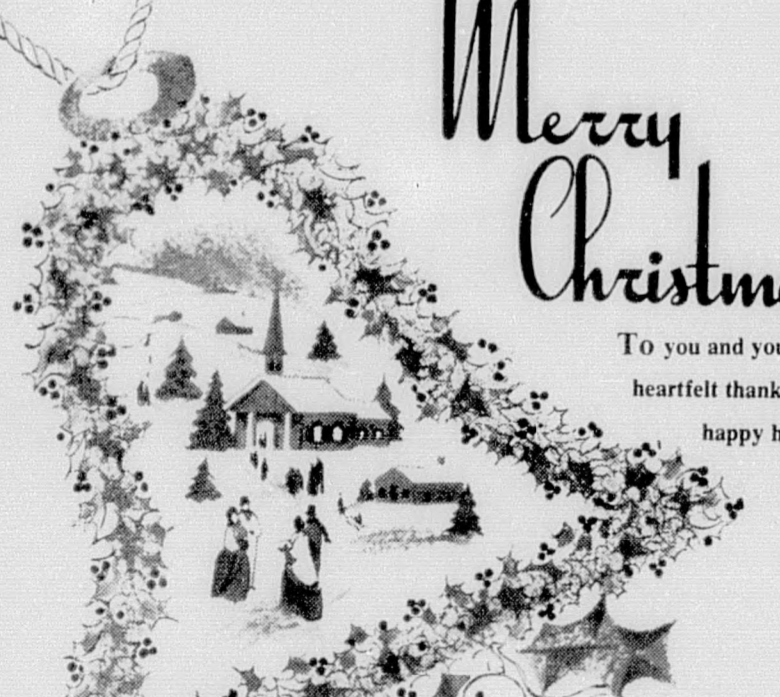
An unusual and increasingly bigger role in advanced electronics, defense and missile projects is being played by Dorsey Trailers which has broadened its highway trailer manufacturing operation to include the building of customized van, platform and low-bed type trailers to meet special needs of the space age. The firm, Dorsey Trailers, Inc., manufactures over-the-road trailers at a plant at Elba. Dorsey Trailers is a subsidiary of The Dorsey Corp. of Chattanooga, Tennessee, which is also the parent corporation of the Chattanooga Glass Company, one of the nation's leading producers of returnable soft-drink bottles and other types of containers.

Dorsey Trailers, long a successful manufacturer of conventional highway trailers, some two years ago established a special products division to enter into space-age projects. Since then, a variety of unusual products has resulted. One of the most recent is a Dorsey van built to haul highly sensitive electronic instruments from missile component manufacturing plants to space installations. The van maintains complete "climate control" through full insulation in the sides, roof, floor and nose and has an air conditioning system that controls humidity as well as temperature. Dorsey Trailers also was a key contributor to the Nimbus project which recently launched into orbit the Nimbus weather satellite. It manufactured special trailers and semi-trailers for General Electric's Space Craft Department.

## Good Wishes FOR Christmas

T is the season when we pause to say "Thanks" to you, our friends, for our pleasant association during this past year. Merry Christmas!

**Elba Packing Company**  
TELEPHONE 897-2461



**Merry Christmas**

To you and yours, our heartfelt thanks and a happy holiday!

Your faithful patronage has made our Christmas brighter.

**Paschal's Dairy**  
713 Crawford Avenue Telephone 347-6382 Enterprise, Alabama

**For Kissing**

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "Kissing bunch." This evergreen ball had mistletoe, for kissing, hung from the ceiling. But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.



Christmas belongs to Christ. And the spirit of Christmas is His message to people everywhere, young and old:

"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Let His message be our prayer this Christmas Day and every day—until there is truly peace and the spirit of brotherhood in every land.

**Alabama Electric Cooperative**  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

ACCORDING TO TOM CASADAY

## James Wise Outstanding Coffee County Cattleman

Cattlemen caught in the middle of this low price period might want to study James Wise's operation. This Coffee County producer figures cattlemen who sell calves at weaning loose about half their potential profit. "In a normal year," explains Wise, a

help and equipment stay busy all year," Wise continues. According to County Agent Tom Casaday, most cattlemen have labor and machinery necessary for a beef finishing operation. "About all a cattleman would need is a dry lot feeding area. I recommend that cattlemen study several systems and feed out a few cattle before jumping into the business in a big way."

Casaday remarks, "Since this farmer has fed out cattle for 10 years, the feed lot business is not new to him. 'Beef cattle prices come and go and this is something a cattleman must remember. We feed about 350 each year. We're in the beef business to stay and we don't pick our years to feed cattle,' says Wise. Wise and his Dad, J.A. Wise, have 225 brood cows and fill their 350 capacity feed lot.

In August, Wise weans his 400-pound calves and puts them on Bahia grass pastures for 3 months. In November, about 100 pounds heavier, calves go into the feed lot for 5 to 7 months. After being wormed calves go into the feed lot and receive a ration of 75 per cent ground snap corn, 15 per cent peanut hay, 10 per cent cotton seed meal and a small amount of molasses. Corn from 425 acres and hay from 210 acres of peanuts are marketed through these calves. One full-time hand takes care of the feed lot operation, other than grinding the ration—where more help is needed.

A four-inch layer of peanut hulls are placed in the lot as litter at the beginning of the feeding period and the lot is cleaned at least once before calves are sold.

Normally animals weigh about 1,000 pounds and grade Good and Choice when sold at a local special sale.

Wise thinks a cattleman with land and machinery for growing concentrate feeds could benefit from a beef breeding operation. "We grow our own feed, mix it on the farm and feed it through cattle."

"It could be wrong," Wise adds, "but I think this is going to be one of the best years ever to feed cattle. There's already a big spread between stockers and finished cattle than I've seen in a long time."

Casaday, an Auburn University staff member, says a beef operation should be self sufficient. "If feeders in the Midwest can make a profit on our calves after paying freight then surely we can do all right when we grow our own feed and calves."

Casaday adds that this low-price period is an excellent time for cattlemen to cull their low producers and replace them with quality cattle. "The cattleman doing this job now will certainly be in a favorable position when good prices do roll around."

According to Casaday, Wise is one of the better cattlemen in the county. A 1954 graduate of Auburn University in Agricultural Science, Wise has done an outstanding job in beef production.

Candles have cast a glow over Christmas festivities for centuries. One of the very earliest legends tells of the Christ Child wandering the streets of the world in search of shelter on Christmas Eve. Lighted candles are placed in windows to welcome Him.

From Germany comes a similar belief that the Virgin Mary and a host of angels pass over the countryside each Christmas Eve. Candles are put in the windows of German homes.

During their Saturnalia Romans fastened candles to trees to dispel the darkness, thus indicating the sun's return.

There is an old story that Martin Luther brought a fir tree into the nursery one Christmas Eve for his wife and children. To show them the glory of the night when Christ was born, he decorated the tree with lighted candles, representing stars.

Today, electric lights have taken the place of candles on Christmas trees, but candles still burn brightly in churches and homes throughout the world.

One of the most impressive holiday uses of candles is in the candlelight carol and communion services held in many churches at Christmas time.

Appropriately enough, one of the loveliest of candlelight ceremonies takes place each year in the Central Moravian church at Bethlehem, Pa. Complete with traditional organ and orchestral music, the program includes reading of the Christmas story, prayers and carols.

## When Christmas Groups Gather, It's Game Time

Everyone's a child at Christmas time, and that's why there's nothing as much fun as when family and friends gather as game-playing. Since Christmas groups usually include both children and adults, games that both can enjoy are best.

The following games can be played with no special equipment other than that on hand.

**Charades**... Christmas charades is a lively game that the whole family will enjoy. Divide the group into two teams. Individual members of teams are then called upon to act out a word, character, phrase, scene or situation—since it's Christmas, all the charades should have Christmas overtones.

Subjects are supplied on a piece of paper by the opposing team and then passed on to the "actor." From here on, it's his job to see how quickly he can get his teammates to guess what he is acting out.

"The Night Before Christmas," "Jingle Bells," "A Partridge in a Pear Tree," and "Filling the Christmas Stocking" are just some of the many, many subjects that can be used.

**Word Play**... A popular pencil-and-paper game is called "word play." The object of the game is to see how many words can be made from a phrase such as "Merry Christmas to All." A time limit is set, and the rule is that no letter can be used more than once.

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Since word play involves competition among its players, it's advisable to allow the children to compete against one another, while the adults bat-

tle it out among themselves.

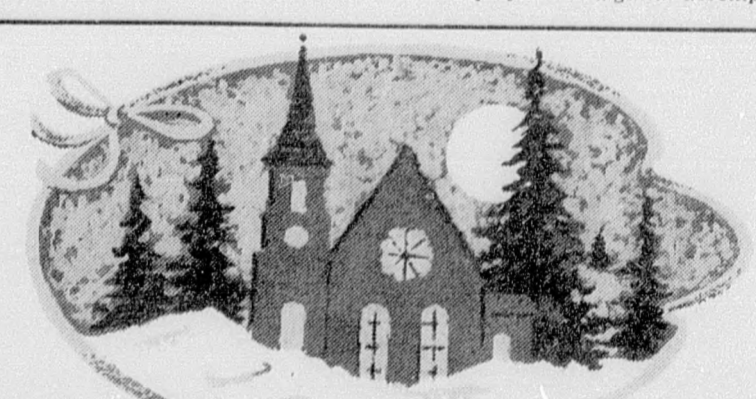
**Santa's Sleigh**... "Santa's Packing His Sleigh" is a quiet Christmas game that provides fun and hearty laughter. It starts simply enough with one member of the group saying, "Santa's packing his sleigh, and he's bringing a toy dog."

Then each person repeats the sentence, adding another gift to Santa's sleigh. The object of the game is to repeat the complete list of gifts in Santa's sleigh—and it's harder than it sounds.

As the list gets longer and longer, more and more players just can't seem to remember the whole list and its order, so consequently they drop out, until only one is left.

**When Organ Broke**... "Silent Night" was first sung at Christmas 1818. The church organ in an Austrian village had broken down—impaired by mice, so the story goes. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the poem and his organist, Franz Gruber, composed the music.

The congregation, which had been saddened because there would be no music for Christmas, sang "Silent Night" to a guitar accompaniment.



## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The sounds and scents of Christmas fill the air with joy and merriment. May your Day be filled with these pleasures.

**English Home & Auto Supply and Employees**



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

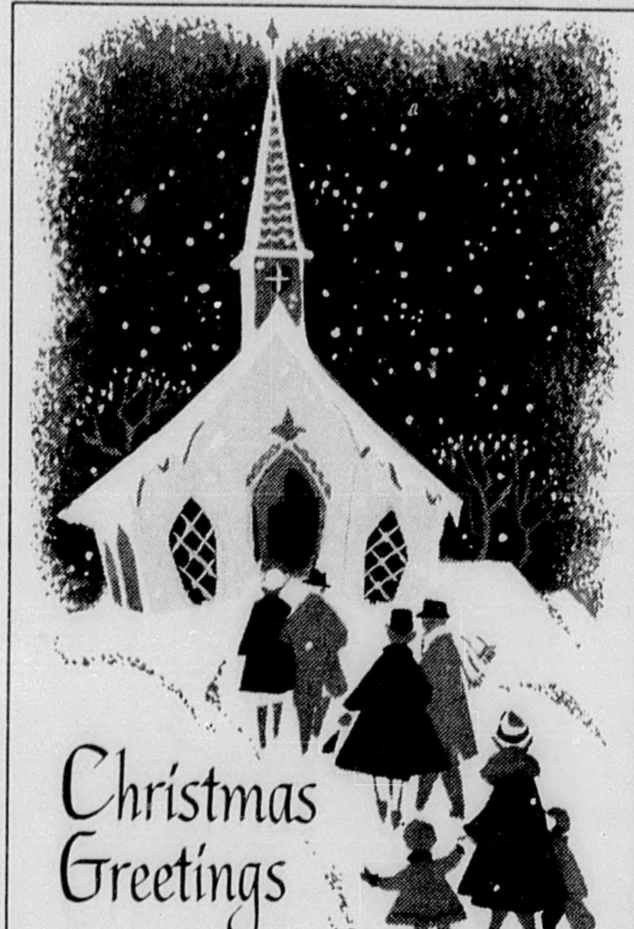
As an expression of our thanks and good will, we extend to friends, old and new, our best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a holiday season filled with good cheer.

**Basil Whitman Motors and Employees**



This Holy Christmas brings again its spiritual blessings and grants us once more the opportunity to unite in our prayers for peace among all men.

**Brazelton Realty Company**  
Telephone 897-2239



## Christmas Greetings

We offer best wishes and sincere appreciation to all our friends on this Blessed Christmas.

**Stinson's Welding & Machine Shop**



We take this opportunity to wish everyone a

**Merry Christmas**

Hope your Day is a happy one, filled with all the special joys of the holiday season.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
DOUG EASTER, PRESIDENT

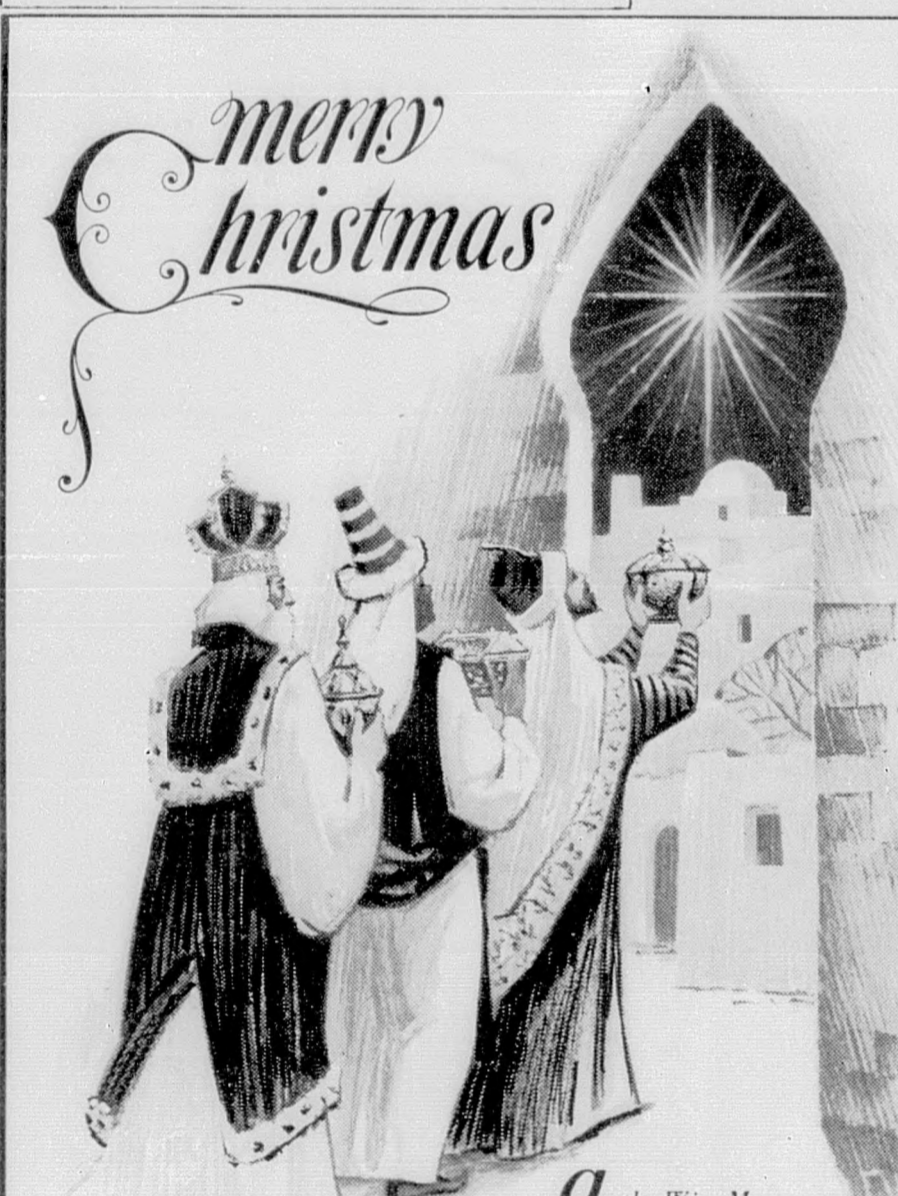


**Christmas Joy**

As Christmas once again proclaims the joyful message the herald angels sang, we wish for you and yours the complete happiness of that holy night.

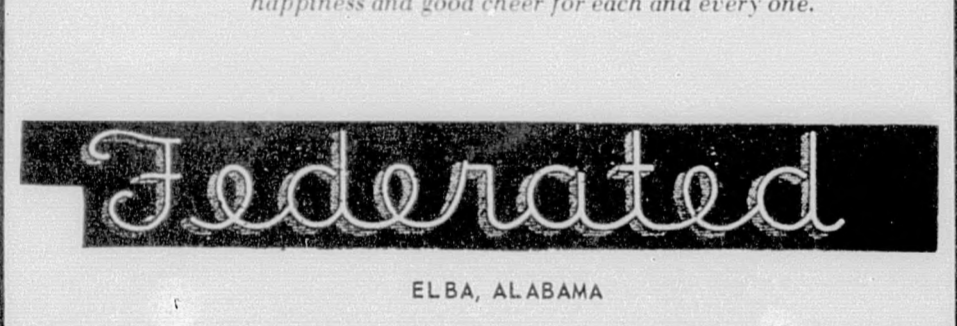
**Fuller Brothers Garage**

Telephone 897-6235



**Merry Christmas**

**As the Wise Men**  
came bearing gifts,  
so we come bearing our warmest wishes for a very merry Christmas Day, and a holiday season filled with many hours of happiness and good cheer for each and every one.



**Federated**

ELBA, ALABAMA



**Glad Christmas Tidings**

Bells ring out merrily for all our loyal friends and patrons. May we wish you the same generous measure of happiness you've given us over the years with your valued patronage.

**Whitman Drug Company**

TELEPHONE 897-2407

## Beautification Of Cities Pays Off In More Trade

It certainly pays to beautify cities, while he will be as eager as America's cities, says the American Association of Nurserymen, in fine shape at all times. In New York and other cities. In cases where such installation and beautification has been put out to bid, the proven fact, it promotes greater trade. The city usually has civic pride, draws more visitors to pre-quality the bid-planted streets help increase trade. This should be done for best shopping. Citywide beautification results, it is said, simply because it is typical of a dynamic America the standard will be higher, at and how it should live and trade no greater cost. Unqualified bid-in beauty, instead of drabness, could turn the whole picture. Cities by no means need to be ugly, ram into a fiasco, as has happened the age of buildings, it is said in a few cases.

In the New York City "Salute to Seasons" program the publicity, it can be guaranteed that the merchants of a downtown area can get the cost of three high. They are made of plantings back sometimes in a thick. Depending on the location, "planters" are installed. By they are set approximately 50 feet apart. The plants in fine condition, with seasonal beautiful all year provided a re-planting spring, summer, fall and winter, both flowering plants and hardy evergreens and vines. A good nurseryman knows what to plant. Prices may or may not be high, what plants will do best and be in New York City, but the most beautiful for the longest time.

The city usually will set back in increased trade far more than the amount expended. Beautifying the city in this way can be a very important intermediate step in local progress. Until around urban renewal takes place, with adequate planning for pace, as well as permanent landscaping for beauty, the plantings can transform the appearance of main shopping streets, and please both citizens and merchants. It is of course better if the plantings and beautification are part of the long-range development plans for the city rather than temporary.

## Ideas Vary On Customs Of Yule

Some people enjoy a White Christmas, while some people go swimming or picnicking on December 25. Some people say it's traditional to drink champagne on the holiday feast, while some people favor a Christmas goose, and still others contend that carp or fried eel is the very thing for a tasty Yuletide dish.

Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all are agreed: It's a season to celebrate. In the United States and Canada, the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over America and Canadians from Central Europe still prepare their traditional Yuletide foods with carp, while those from Italy might hanker for some Christmas caponini, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the North, U.S. and Canada would be glad to change places, or at least change weather, with those Australians, South Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas. On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas

and other Yule gift givers in many countries.

**In Greece**  
Young people of Greece foretell their romantic future at Christmas by tossing olive leaves on the burning Yule log. Tradition decrees that if the leaves, symbolizing the girl and man, curl toward each other, the lovers can expect their happiness to be long-lived.

If the leaves burn apart, their romance may be fraught with difficulties. The best result, however, is if the leaves burn to a crisp. This means their love is deep and all-encompassing.

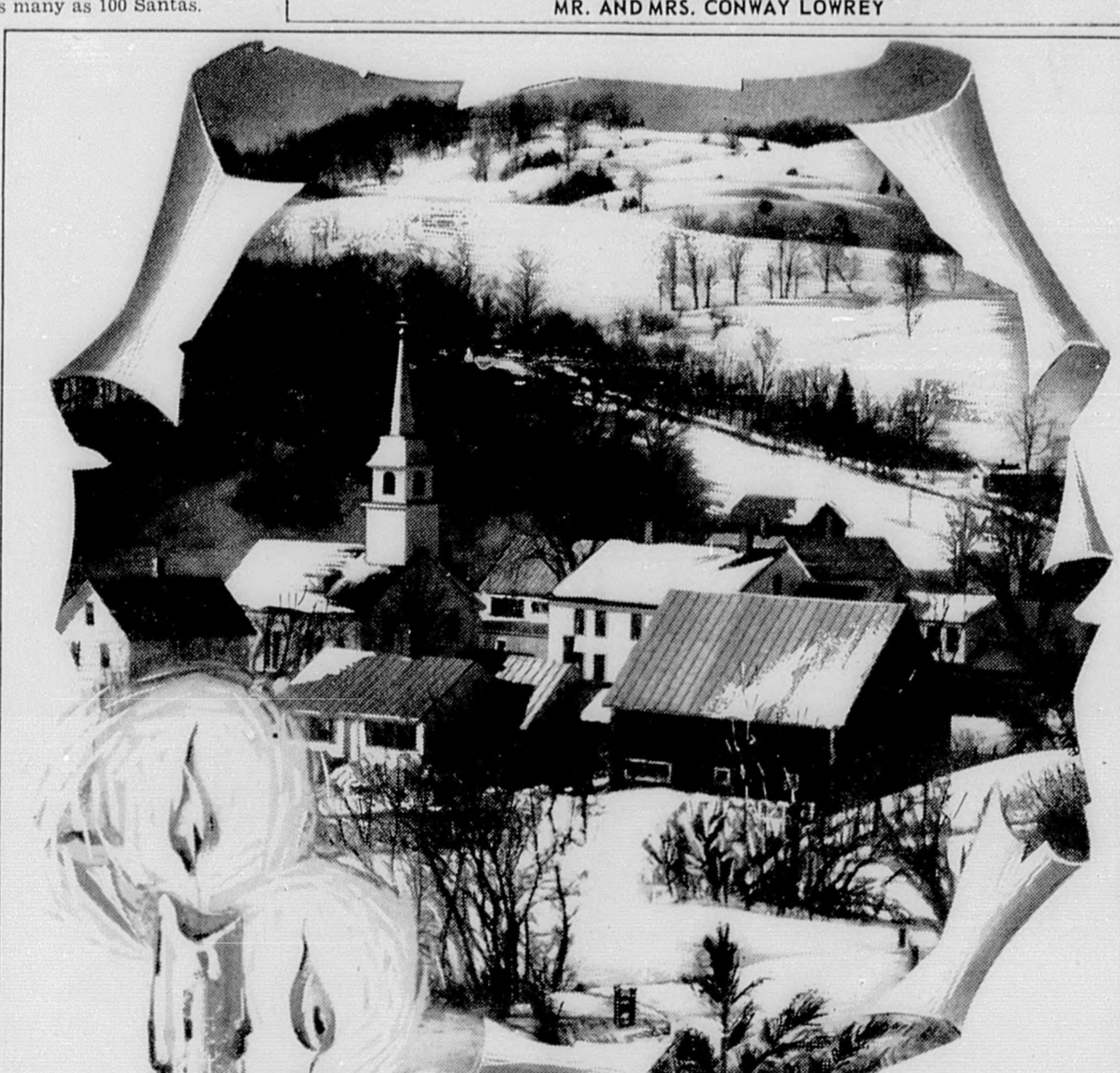
**In Germany**  
The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles, and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

**In Japan**  
December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store decorations and the happy squeals of youngsters gifted by "Santa Claus San." Department stores may have as many as 100 Santas.



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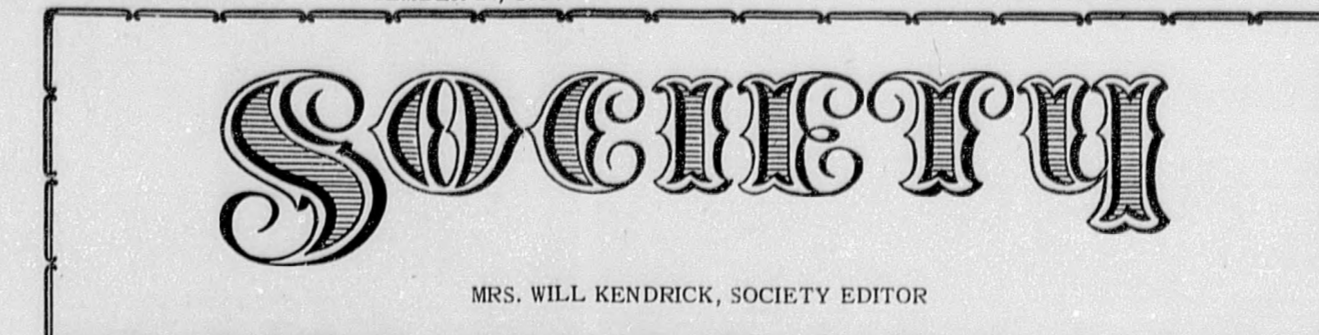
**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

Candles glowing warm and bright, countryside in snowy white tell of Christmas peace and pleasure, full of joys for all to treasure. Hope you'll be blessed with the Season's best!



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**MRS. MARVIN MCILWAIN**  
Wed Saturday

**Stewart, McIlwain Marriage Solemnized During Baptist Ceremony**

The marriage of Miss Judy Stewart and Marvin McIlwain was solemnized Saturday, December 19, at 3 in the afternoon in West-side Baptist Church. Rev. Wendel Byrd officiated. The ceremony was a double ring ceremony. Miss Patricia Ennis, pianist, played soft wedding music as the guests assembled and the traditional wedding marches for the ceremony. Mr. Roger Breland sang, "Because," "I Love You Truly," and "The Wedding Prayer." The bride was attended by Miss Glenda Ennis, as maid of honor, and her bride's maids were Miss Betty Roberts, Miss Sue

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**Peace...**  
Good Will to All, at Christmastide.

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**Sincere Good Wishes**  
We're all aglow with best wishes for your Christmas happiness.

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**GREETINGS!**

Santa's here again this year laden with greetings of Christmas cheer for one and all.

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**Elba School Retired Teachers Honored**

Mr. Elmer Taylor, Superintendent of Elba City Schools, was host for a Christmas luncheon on Thursday, honoring the school's retired teachers. The luncheon table was covered with a Christmas cloth and centered with a beautiful arrangement of seasonal flowers. Those present were: Miss Zedie Rowe, Miss Eulora Farris, Mrs. May Bryan, Mrs. Xuripha Dunaway, Miss Mabel Brunson, and Mrs. Ola B. Kendrick.

**John Coffee Chapter DAR Meets**

The John Coffee Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Miss Enora Farris with Miss Mabel Brunson as co-hostess. From the front door throughout the reception rooms beautiful Christmas decorations created a perfect setting for the occasion. Polycettas were on the tables and Santa Claus and reindeer scene was placed on the mantel. A pretty fruit arrangement decorated the dining room table.

**City Officials Hosts At Christmas Dinner**

One of the most delightful events of the Christmas season is the annual Christmas dinner when the City of Elba Mayor and councilmen are hosts. Guests included members of the Volunteer Fire Department, the Police Department, street department, Housing Authority, Industrial Board, Hospital Board, physicians, City School Board, County School officials, Planning and Zoning Board, publishers of The Elba Clipper, owner of the Elba Radio Station, Board of Revenue members, Coffee County patrolmen, Coffee County Sheriff and other elective county officials, as well as others who are connected with those offices and city officials and their wives along with employees of the City of Elba offices and of the Water and Electric Department.

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**LISTEN! the story of... Christmas**

It's an old family custom. I hang up my stocking for Santa to fill. Then everyone has to be very quiet while Daddy reads the Christmas Story from our big family Bible... about the shepherds... how they watched... and listened. That's why they knew Jesus had come: because they listened!

Again today, Christmas brings good tidings... of peace on earth... good will toward men. Church bells ring... children sing carols... the Story of Bethlehem is told again.

It means Joy to the world; if we listen!

**This Church Message Sponsored By The Following Business Firms**

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# Spirit of Christmas Rules In Community Celebrations

It's Christmas time! Everywhere, glad sights and sounds reflect the spirit of the season, as this community celebrates the joyous holiday.

The spirit of Christmas is seen, in gaily decorated streets and stores, in homes aglow with light and festive with evergreens. In churches where the manger scene tells anew the wonderful old story of a holy Babe who was born in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago.

The spirit of Christmas is heard, in bells ringing out from street corner to steeple, in happy voices singing all the songs of the season, from old familiar carols to the more solemn, but at the same time joyful, anthems, cantatas and oratorios.

The spirit of Christmas is felt, as last minute preparations for the big celebration are made. There are always, it seems, some packages still to be wrapped, some final trimmings to be put on the tree, some part of the Christmas pageant or choral program that needs just one more rehearsal, some extra touches to make the Christmas feast absolutely perfect.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle, the spirit of Christmas shines through in all its many meanings.

The spirit of Christmas means laughter and joy — best expressed, perhaps, by the faces of children, eager and smiling as they wait for Santa, full of reverent wonder as they hear the Christmas story and see the manger scene.

The spirit of Christmas means giving, with love wrapped into every package. And it means sharing — the riches of thoughtful consideration and genuine interest, as well as time and money with the aged, the ill, the needy and unfortunate.

The spirit of Christmas means a warm renewal of family ties and close friendships, and an enjoyment of traditions treasured through the years — the special customs each family creates for itself, as well as the traditions garnered from the lore and legends of Christmas.

## Of Carols . . .

In England and France the custom of carol singing at Christmas stemmed from the songs sung between the windows of the medieval "mystery" or "miracle" plays, which were created to teach the Bible to the people of the time, few of whom could read.

The early miracle plays portrayed the coming of Christ, in simple drama. Later plays became more elaborate, with fictional scenes added.

Whatever the exact origin, there's no question that Noel now means Christmas.

## How the Tree Grew

When the German prince Alfred married Queen Victoria, birthday or a "shout of joy" he carried the custom of the

## When Caroling Began

With the joyful strains of "Silent Night," the First Noel, and other beloved carols, today's Christmas custom meaningful Christmas custom that originated centuries ago.

As early as the fourth century A. D., a musical poem was sung in honor of St. Basil and his victory in the fight for Christianity over the Bysantine emperor Julian. In Greece, legends of St. Basil were later put to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.

The first real Christmas carols, however, were probably sung in the Italian mountain village of Greccio when St. Francis of Assisi created the manger scene in 1223. He and his brethren led the vi-

lagers in singing hymns to the Christ Child, as a replacement for the sacrificial feast of the oak, which was sacred to the pagan god.

## Journeying to Bethlehem



## Christian Visitors Seek Church of Nativity For Three Celebrations of Christmas

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem is for thousands of Christians each year the focal point of the religious observance of Christmas. Visitors of many faiths make the trip to Bethlehem, now a part of Jordan, to the Church of the Nativity above the Grotto of the Nativity where Christ was born.

The manger so familiar to all who know the Christmas story was an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill above the Grotto of the Nativity.

Christmas is observed three times at Bethlehem, and for each observance the Mandelbaum Gate between the Israel and Arab sectors of Jerusalem is opened to admit the Christian pilgrims.

## Household Hints

Glittering jewelry is a perfect holiday accessory — if it's clean and sparkling. Much jewelry can be cleaned at home with a soft brush dipped in soda. Wipe it with a damp cloth to rinse.

Before you start holiday baking, check the condition of the spices you have on hand. Just sniff them — the aroma should arise from the container as you bring it to your nostrils. Ground spices lose aroma more readily than whole ones. Remember, the recipes you use were tested with fresh, potent spices — worn out ones won't do the job.

## Source of Giving

Giving gifts at the Yuletide season has many precedents. In the years before Christ, Romans gave branches of laurel, olive and myrtle to each other at the Saturnalia, a pagan festival that occurred about the same time as the present date of Christmas. In England and Northern Europe, Druid worshippers tied gifts on trees during the Yule festival held at the winter solstice.

Roman emperors often demanded Yule gifts of clothing, gold and silver from their subjects, and so did the kings and queens of medieval England. It is said that Queen Elizabeth I, who reigned from 1558 to 1603, was through these compulsory gifts, sung in honor of St. Basil and his victory in the fight for Christianity over the Bysantine emperor Julian. In Greece, legends of St. Basil were later put to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.

## In South Pacific

For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 a.m., when carolers wake the villagers with serenades. At dawn, when every- one is awake and assembled, Francis of Assisi created the manger scene in 1223. He and his brethren led the vi-

foods. They are turkeys, cherries, cranberries, canned ripe olives, broiler-fryers and beef.

Wax the inside of kitchen wastebaskets or garbage containers and you'll only have to wash them half as often.

In floor covering you have a choice of area rugs, room-sized rugs or a wide variety of smooth surface coverings.



## NOEL

The first Noel . . . a child was born. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for the many blessings of Christmas. May your holiday be rich in spiritual joys.

Elba Jaycees

## Are You One, Or Do You Know Any Of These?

The Congress, in 1950, gave their number to enacted legislation providing their employer from mem- ing social security cover- ory, which in many cases age available to public em- resulted in the employees' ployees as of January 1, wages not being credited to 1951, provided the States their account because the had the necessary laws number was incorrect, permitting the various Another problem which states to take advantage of has resulted in thousands this Federal provision. The of dollars in wages being State of Alabama was one of held in suspense is the the first states in the fact that wages have been union to take advantage of reported under the wrong name. That is, the name, This has been, in most of the State Agency, benef- its are now being paid to survivors for whom no ben- efits were being paid due to an insufficient number of quarters of coverage. In one case, an individual in a mental institution lost seven years in benefits due to wages being reported under an incorrect number.

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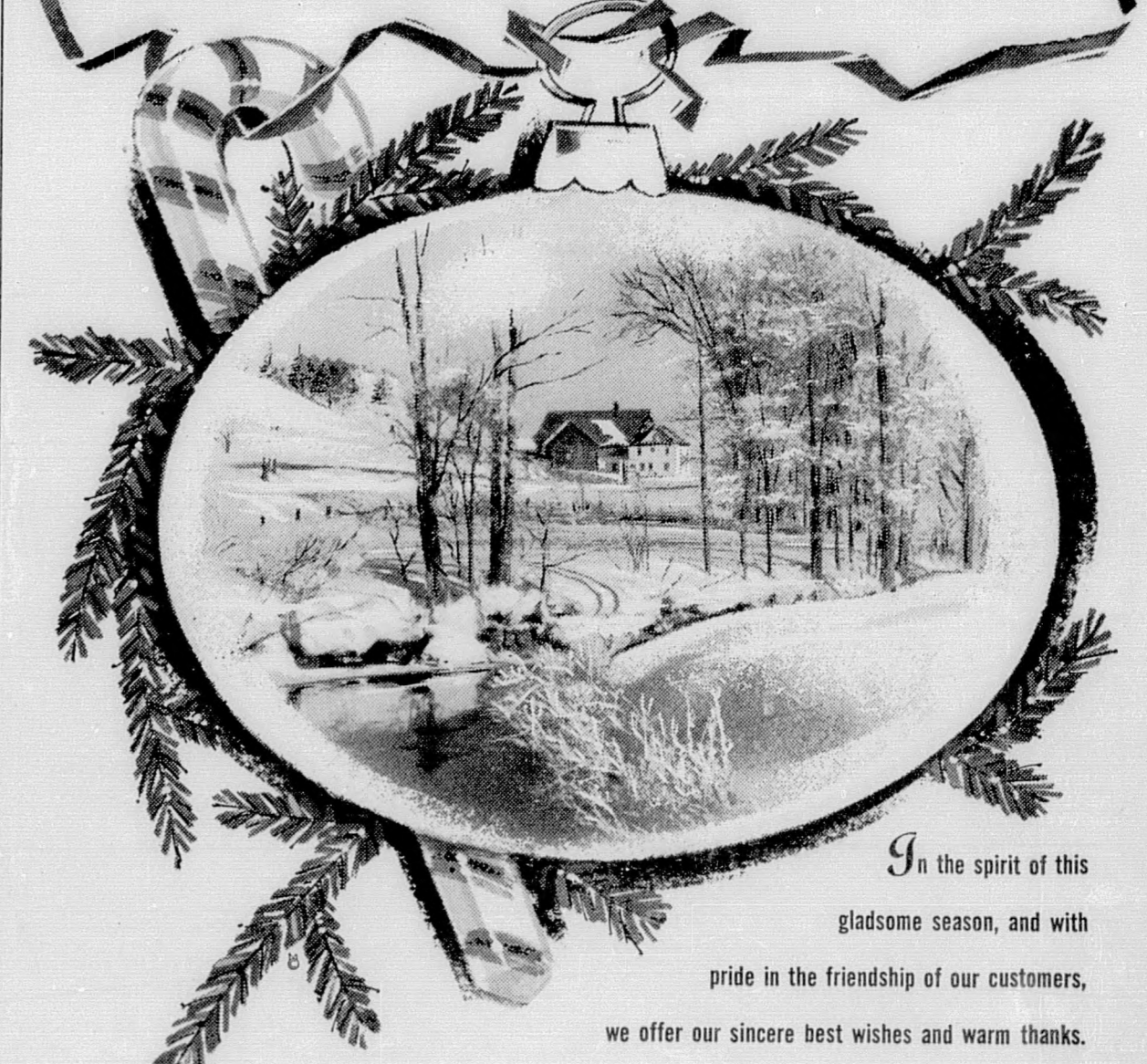
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**merry CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**  
**CITY OF ELBA**  
Mayor H. P. Mullins  
Councilmen Robert Folsom Ray Trammell  
Cleo Hawkins Owen Zigler Jordan J. Lindsey

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



In the spirit of this  
gladsome season, and with  
pride in the friendship of our customers,  
we offer our sincere best wishes and warm thanks.

**PIGGLY WIGGLY**  
B. T. Stanford, Manager

**CHEERFUL Greetings**

May the best of Christmas cheer fill the homes and hearts of our friends and patrons during the holiday season. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve you all during the past year.

**Hogg Appliances**  
New Brockton, Alabama  
Telephone 3661

**Merry Christmas**

As you gather 'round the Christmas tree with family and friends to sing the glad songs, remember our wish: A hearty, happy Christmas to all!

**Hickman Moving & Storage**  
Telephone 897-2224

**Wishing you** all the festive pleasures and merry companionship of the holiday season. It's wonderful to serve our many friends . . . and we thank you heartily for your thoughtful consideration and patronage.

**Greetings** to all of you from all of us.

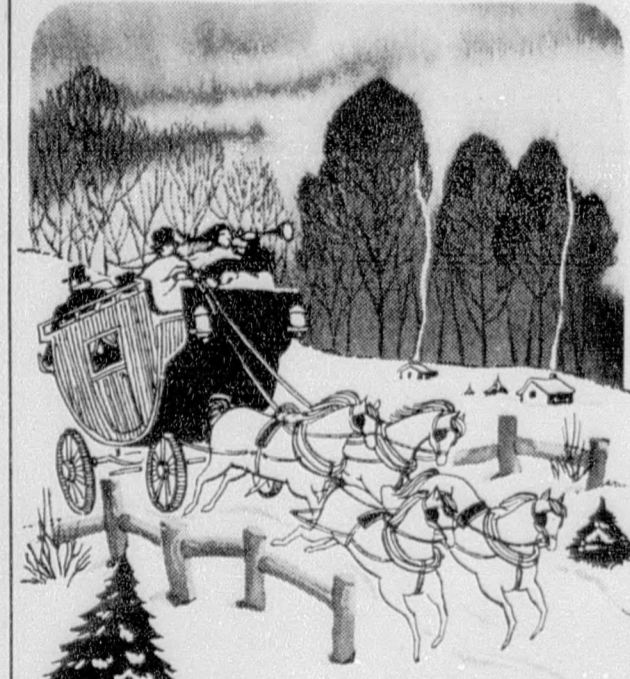
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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
**Jimmy Hornsby And Family**  
State Farm Insurance

**PIGGLY WIGGLY**  
B. T. Stanford, Manager

POOR ORIGINAL



### OLD-FASHIONED Christmas Wishes

With thanks for your many favors and friendship, we extend our heartfelt wishes that your holidays may be rich in the joys of a real old-fashioned Christmas.

### City Electric & Plumbing

Harry Boswell



### CHRISTMAS CHEER

Here's hoping Santa's reindeer delivery comes through with your special wishes, including all of the joy and cheer that goes with Christmas.

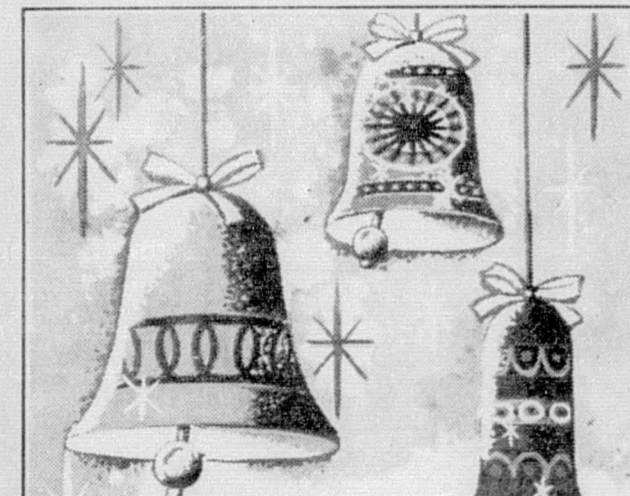
### Elba Baking Company



### Christmas GREETINGS

With the hope that your Christmas will be a joyous one, go our very best wishes.

### Wise's Store For Men & Boys



### Noel, Noel

Let the joyful sound of bells ring out our sincere best wishes to all our friends, for a very Merry Christmas!

### Marsh Insurance Agency

Robert Marsh

### Auburn Confers 442 Degrees

Auburn University conferred 442 degrees including 63 master's and 379 bachelor's during fall quarter commencement on Wednesday, December 16, at exercises in the Student Activities Building.

Doctor Harry M. Philpott, vice-president of the University of Florida, was the commencement speaker. Auburn President and Mrs. Ralph B. Draughon received candidates and their families at a coffee in the Student Union Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Those who received degrees from Coffee County were:

Billy Farrell Killingsworth, B.S. in Biological Science; J. Lomax Searcy Jr., B.S. in Business Administration; Eben Leland Averett, B.L.M. in Engineering.

### Two Coffee Students At Jacksonville

Coffee County has two students enrolled at Jacksonville State College this fall. In the large enrollment of 3,357, there are 23 states and 17 foreign countries represented. Calhoun leads in the number enrolled among the 47 Alabama counties; Jefferson County is second; and Etowah County is third.

Those listed from Coffee County are as follows: Billy Daniel Thames, Enterprise, and James Ballard Marsh, Kingston.

The president read the passage of scripture and Mrs. Sara Hutchinson offered prayer. The group sang "Silent Night." The secretary read the minutes and called the roll. Mrs. Hutchinson led in displaying useful gadgets, which she and the club members had brought.

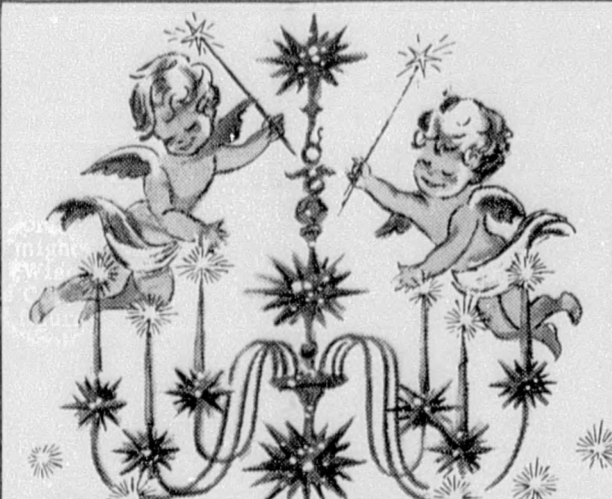
The hostesses served delicious refreshments. Numbers were drawn after which each one received a gift.

The January meeting will be with Mrs. Curtis Chapman.

On Friday, December 4, the Double Heads Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Jerome Senn. Those present were the hostesses, Mrs. Wilson Clark, Mrs. Oscar Clark, Kenneth Senn, Mrs. Auburn Carroll, Mrs. Rex Lowery, Lee Lowery, Mrs. Son Lowery, Mrs. A. J. Lowery, Mrs. Douglas Green, Larry Green, Mrs. Charlie Barr, Mrs. Curtis Chapman.

While pausing to rest at the top of a hill overlooking the town, he drove his staff in the ground, where it immediately took root. The next day, Christmas Eve, it had turned into a thorn tree covered with blossoms.

GROWING HOLLY  
A holly tree grows 15 years before it produces, but its life may be as long as 125 years.



### Holiday Greetings

Here's wishing you a bright and merry Christmas and a Yuletide season sparkling with good cheer.

### Sawyer Candy Company

WHOLESALE ELBA, ALABAMA



### Happy Holiday

The holiday season is here... and in the midst of all the merry-making, we'd like to extend best wishes and greetings to our friends.

### Elba Tractor Company

### Christmas Blessings

Blessed be the Day of Christ's birth, and may this Christmas season bring us all lasting joy and peace.



### Trammell Auto Repair

To our loyal patrons we express our sincerest appreciation.

### Cheerful Greetings

With the hope that your Christmas will be a joyous one, go our very best wishes.



### Fuller Tee Vee Service

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### President Sought Good Days

At Christmas time, nostalgia for "the good old days" is as prevalent as turkey and trimmings, decorations and gifts. Everybody had more fun — or so the feeling goes — during those good old-fashioned Christmases when life was simpler and, according to tradition, the snow drifts were always piled high, the foods for feasting were always home-grown and home-cooked, the gifts and decoration always lovingly hand-made and the tree itself always chopped down by the head of the house on a personal foray to some hillside or lot.

Christmas nostalgia has even been known to affect heads of state — to be specific, a President of the United States. It was everyone's duty, a President felt, to make Christmas merry. He and his family, he declared, were going to have an "old-fashioned" Christmas tree.

It Happened in 1891. A search through recent newspapers, or even through recent history, would provide no details, however, about this resolve. For the President was Benjamin Harrison, who, on December 22 in 1891, announced to reporters his plan for a "good old-fashioned Christmas."

Most people today whose thoughts turn to Christmases of yore would certainly settle for a date much later than 1891 as the time when the "good old-fashioned Christmas" had ceased to exist.

But if the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas didn't vanish as early as President Harrison feared it had, when did it go? Or has it really disappeared forever?

Most of all, an "old-fashioned" Christmas is made up of traditions. Even in northern climates, only hope, luck and the weatherman can say, each year, whether the traditions snow drifts will be forthcoming. Other traditions, however, may not necessarily belong only to the past.

Not All "Store Bought" Preparing foods for feasting was doubtless fun and hard work — in the good old days. But not all Christmas cookies, candies and fruit cakes today are "store bought." Many a family cherishes the tradition of having the children "help" Mother as the holiday goodies are concocted.

Even the ready-prepared foods have their traditions. For instance, some families deliver gift packages of cakes or candies to friends when they make Christmas calls; others set forth a table of treats in the home, ready to share with callers.

The same is true of that "good old days" habit of making gifts. In this "tree day" of increasing interest in sewing, many of the home-crafted gifts are found under Christmas trees — and yesterday's "tom" would no doubt have been glad to trade her treadle sewing machine for one of today's electric models.

Can't Chop Tree While Dad may not be able to chop down a tree for the family, conservationists of our "good old forests" wouldn't approve a look at any place where trees are sold in the days before Christmas reveals that choosing the tree is still a personal, all-family matter, involving plenty of old-fashioned fun.

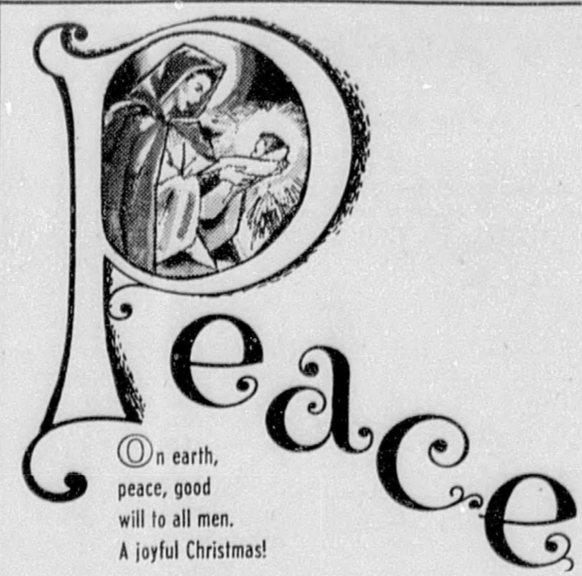
Almost every nostalgic dream of Christmas long ago seems to have its counterpart in the present. And all the while new traditions are building up, as each family, each community creates and treasures its customs.

In another 70 years, perhaps, some public figure may say, "It's time to get back to the good old ways of celebrating Christmas." So have an old-fashioned Christmas now!

Household Hints Clean leather belts by washing with mild soap suds and rinsing with a cloth wrung out of clear water. Dry well; then rub lightly with any wax polish.

In one study, chuck roasts showed up most often among the meats on sale during a four-month period. By buying chuck on weekend sale, homemakers saved from 10 to 30 cents a pound.

To give a glass punch set extra sparkle, wash all pieces in hot soap or detergent suds, rinse with hot water and polish with a lintless soft cloth.



### Peace

On earth, peace, good will to all men. A joyful Christmas!

### O. C. Morrow

### GREETINGS

Glad tidings to all... and our sincere wishes for a happy and holy Christmas Day.



### Johnson Vault Company



### Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes for a happy and joyous Yuletide go to you and yours.

### Elba Propane Gas Company

### JOY



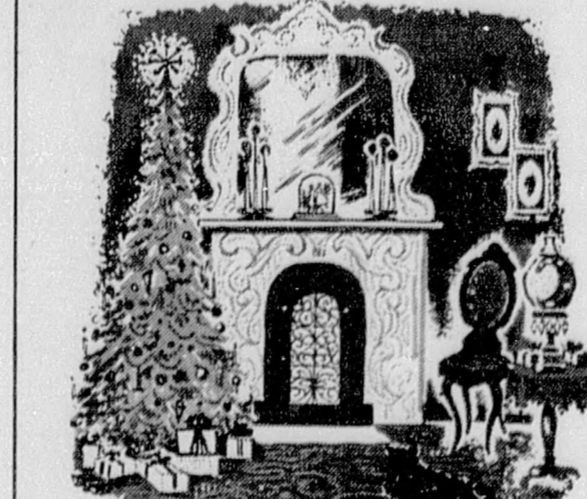
### JOY



May you enjoy the season's splendor in the love of dear ones and the warmth of spiritual well-being.

### Elba Drug Company

MR. AND MRS. STOKES HAIRE



### Christmas Greetings

... of the warmest, old-fashioned kind, from all of us to all of you!

### Paul's Cafe

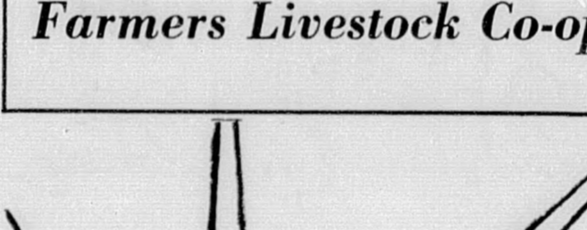
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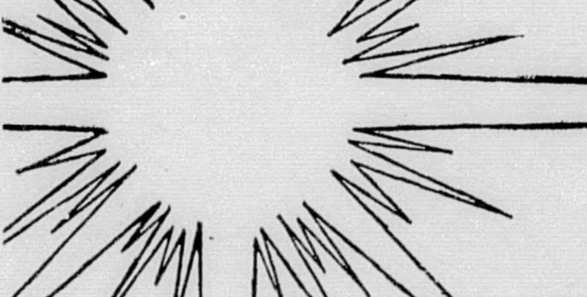
"GOOD WILL TO All Men." In the message of Christmas, there is hope and promise for all. To you and yours, happy holidays.

### Farmers Livestock Co-op



### Northey's Big "R" and Northey's Texico Center

### Greetings



### American Legion

CULVER POST #42

COMMANDER, LLOYD FULLER

### Ladies' Auxiliary

PRESIDENT, MRS. MILDRED MORROW

### The Southeast Alabama Gas District

"Progress Through Service"

### Why Santa's Reindeer Fly

Have you ever wondered how Santa's reindeer can fly through the air? All other reindeer are earth-bound. What magic do his reindeer possess, and how did they get it?

It all began with one little reindeer, a long, long time ago, in the far Northland. Close to the North pole an old man named Klaus lived near the tiny hut of stones and twigs. It was always icy cold and deep with snow, so deep that sometimes only the chimney of Klaus' hut showed above the snow.

Klaus lived all alone. He was not only very poor, but he was also very lonely. His friends were the snow bird, the white fox, the seal, and the beavers that lived in the dark forests. Oh, how he longed for the happy voices of children... for a chance to play games with a little boy or girl, for a child to make toys for, or tell stories to in the cold dark nights by the fire.

One night it was so cold that the snow bird huddled in his nest, the fox hid deep in the snow and the beaver cuddled warmly in a mud bank near the black river. Klaus stepped out of his house and called to his forest friends, but only his echo came back.

"Oh, if only there was someone to love," he wished with all his heart, "someone to talk to!"

Suddenly a big star shone brightly in the black, black sky, and as Klaus watched it in wonder, a voice came to his ear: "Listen, Klaus," it said, "follow that star and you will see a Child that shall be beautiful, and shall be yours, and everyone's to love!"

Klaus was amazed, and he was afraid too, closing his eyes and trembling. But the star was still there when he opened his eyes, and he decided to do as the voice had said.

He wrapped himself in furs and an old blanket and bundled his head with scarves of wool and put on his big bearskin mittens. In a small red sock he put a toy that he had carved from wood, for if the voice was right he should bring some gift to this Child, and the little toy was all he had.

He started out. The wind whistled through the trees and blew snow from the drifts into his eyes and the snow was deep, so deep that an old, old man like Klaus could hardly get through it. After hours of struggling along, he finally fell down, too weak to continue.

"What can I do now?" he wondered as he lay there. At that moment, a reindeer came out of the trees and shook his head at the old man.

"Go home," the reindeer shouted over the wind, "go home, old man. You will die in this terrible weather!"

But the old man said, "No, I must go on." And he told the reindeer about the star and the voice and the Child. "I have a gift for him."

The reindeer took pity on him and, with a sigh, said: "Well, if you must, you must. I'll take you on my back as far as I can. Come on, climb up."

And so, through the night, through the vast woods, across frozen lakes, past howling wolves, up steep mountains, and along icy rivers, the strange pair plodded; an old man on the back of a reindeer. Finally the reindeer grew tired. He shook his antlers and wearily sank to the ground, saying: "Sorry, old man, but I can go no further. Ahead are more mountains, more rocks, more snow and I know I cannot go on!"

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One of his tears fell on the reindeer's feet. Immediately, the reindeer felt refreshed and light, strong and lively. He leaped up with a cry: "Come on, old man! Something wonderful has happened! I feel as though I could fly!" (Of course, he didn't think he really could fly.) But when he started to run, his feet left the ground, and he soared into the air! Over the mountains and rivers, over villages and woods, over fields and highways he flew with Klaus holding to his horns for dear life!

The reindeer and Klaus followed the star and came to a small stable where Klaus saw the most beautiful Child he had ever seen. He laid his toy at the Child's feet and his heart was full of love and gratitude. He thanked the reindeer and, as he turned to leave, he saw a stranger with golden hair and a long, flowing robe appeared. Placing his hands on Klaus and the reindeer, he said: "Your gift of love will be rewarded... and once a year, for all eternity, reindeer shall fly on the eve of Christmas."

And so it is, that once a year, that magic night of long ago is repeated... as an old man, with flying reindeer, visit not one, but all the children in the world, bringing gifts to them made in the far Northland.

Planting pecan trees will mean additional income for the future one or two generations. Although it takes the trees 10 to 12 years to bear fruit, they are long lived and with good care should produce nuts for 50 years or more.

December is a good time to set trees, though they may be planted any time during the dormant season (December to March).

On a five year variety test at Headland, the runner-up pecan (5 year average) yields were as follows: Early Runner - 2,197 pounds; Dixie Runner - 2,159 pounds; Southeastern Runner - 2,264 pounds; and Dixie Runner - 1,851 pounds per acre. The Virginia type variety test resulted in the following yields for the five year average: Florigiant - 2,808 pounds; Va. G-26 - 2,661 pounds per acre.

All of these varieties are recommended. Let us know if we can assist you in getting Foundation pecan seed in any of these varieties.

Fifty of the 500 Coffee County 4-H's (boys) received 500 pines each last week. These pines were given to the 4-H's by the International Paper Company. The 4-H's will use these trees in their project work.

Want to increase income from woodland acres? We suggest that you consider this six-step program: fire control, reforestation, timber stand improvement, diversified utilization, good harvesting, and wise selling.

We are planning a short-course on farm management beginning January 11 and lasting for five consecutive Monday nights, if you are interested in attending this short-course, let us know. We plan to have about 25-30 in the school.

I plan to be on annual leave a few days during the Christmas season; therefore, my column will not appear in next week's paper. I would like to take this opportunity to wish for you and yours a very nice Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. May we all remember to put Christmas back into Christmas this year.



### Elba Florist

### Christmas

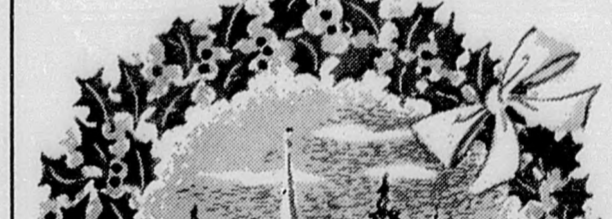
May the miracle of the Christ Child be upon your home and in your hearts this Christmas Day. May the good Lord bless and keep you and your loved ones.

### M. A. Devane Grocery

### Round-Up

By H. B. Thompson, Asst. Co. Agent

### It's Christmas



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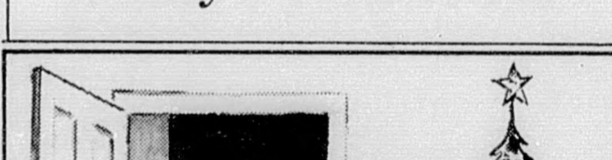
### Thompson's Cafe

### GREETINGS for Christmas

We wish you a Christmas near your loved ones... a season of joy and good will.

### Stanley Finance Co.

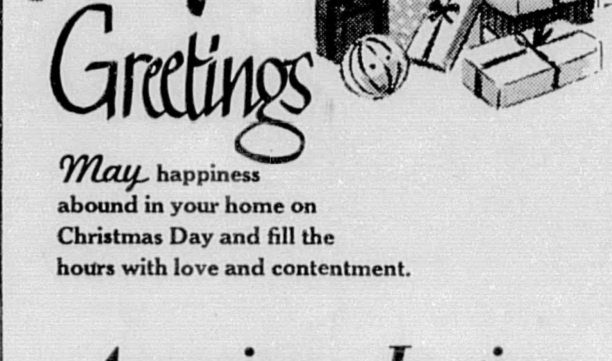
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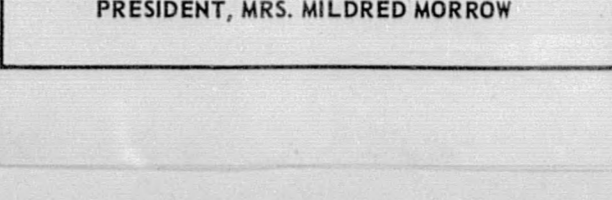


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# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends...

## From THE ELBA CLIPPER

Once again, it is our particular pleasure to wish a Merry Christmas to the most appreciated people we know, our friends and customers. At this Holy season, we marvel anew, like the shepherds and Wise Men of old, at the Great Miracle wrought on Christmas Eve by Him who created all things. Today, as on that wondrous Night when the angels sang, may the joy, beauty, hope and abiding faith of Christmas be ever with us, and may the true spirit of Christmas time light the way to lasting Peace.

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## Andrews Visits In Elba

Congressman George Andrews and his secretary, Doug Smith, of Union Springs and Washington D. C., were visiting their many friends in Elba recently. He also attended a luncheon honoring the retired teachers and given by Elmer Taylor, superintendent of Elba Schools.

**ELBA STUDENT IS HONORED** - Roger Winston, Jr., left, of Elba, is being "pinned" by the Sweetheart of Delta chapter, Alpha Phi Omega at Auburn University, Sharon Anthony of Nashville, Tennessee. Watching is past president, Steve Brown of Birmingham. Roger is the newly elected president of the service fraternity.

## Paul Rowe Brunson Appointed Manager Of Alabama Office, SBA

Senators John Sparkman and Lister Hill have recommended the appointment of Paul Rowe Brunson as manager of the Alabama office of the Small Business Administration in Birmingham.

Hill and Sparkman said Mr. Brunson "has worked closely with the people of Alabama and with Alabama county and city governments." Brunson is currently executive officer of the state civil defense program, a merit system position he took over after Mr. Brunson "has worked closely with the people of Alabama and with Alabama county and city governments."

Mr. Brunson is a native of Elba and a graduate of Elba High School. He is the son of Mrs. Zelma Rowe Brunson and the late Arthur Clair Brunson of Elba. He is married to the former Gwendolyn Boutwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moley Boutwell, of Elba. The Brunsons have five children.

Mr. Brunson, a long-time career employee of the United States has increased more rapidly in the past generation than all other generations combined.



**EAGLE BADGE AWARDED ELBA BOY SCOUT** - Jerry Nelson was presented the Eagle badge in Scouting recently. The presentation was the climax of a colorful "Court of Honor" which was held in the City Recreation Hall, by members of Boy Scout Troop 37. Pictured from left are the father, Mr. Burie Nelson, Scout Jerry Nelson, his mother, and Robert Cooper, who is Neighborhood Commissioner.

Commissioner Cooper explained the meaning of the Eagle badge and the qualifications and work necessary to earn the badge. He then presented the Eagle badge to Mrs. Nelson, who pinned the badge to her son's uniform.

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burie Nelson, Atkinson Street, Elba.



**ROYAL AMBASSADORS OF WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH** - This group gave a program before the church congregation on "What Makes A Good Royal Ambassador." These boys are of the ages of 9 to 12. They received their page and squire pins Sunday December 20. To accomplish the privilege for these pins they must work at least 40 hours at difficult jobs.

The boys were congratulated on their securing RA uniforms. They are pictured from left: Tommy Boutwell, Jimmy Ennis, Rex Parrish, James Mack, Ewan Ellensburg, Don Mack, Steve Johnson, Kenney Driggers, Dale Kelly, Ronnie Parrish, Jerry Kelly, Rhett Crook, Mike Lewis. Standing at the back is Roy Parrish, Sam Driggers and K. H. Johnson.



## Winston Elected As Prexy

Roger Winston, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger B. Winston, Sr., of Elba, has just been elected president of Delta chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at Auburn University.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national service fraternity composed of men who have had previous experience in the Scouting movement. Delta chapter at Auburn was the fourth such chapter to be established and has the longest record of service of any chapter in the country.

Roger, a senior majoring in history, has previously served as pledge-master, book exchange manager of the Alpha Phi Omega non-profit Book Exchange, and historian. He has served the national fraternity on the national pledge training committee and has written two chapter Pledge Manuals.

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## Farm Facts

Farm production in the United States has increased more rapidly in the past generation than all other generations combined.

Survivors include four sons, Alto Prescott, Troy, Edlow Prescott, Pritchard, Estier, Prescott, Kinston and O. C. Prescott, Belle Glade, Florida; four daughters, Mrs. Vera Mitchell, Opp, Mrs. Eva Medlock, Kinston, Mrs. Elvester Wall, Apalachicola, Florida, and Mrs. Katherine Foley, Troy, a sister, Mrs. Ella Prescott, Elba.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

## Opening Of New Business In Elba

**Fortcoming**

A formal announcement will be made soon of the opening of the John Elders Cleaners and Shirts Launderers here in Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elders and three children, Mary, age 3; Fath, 2, and Liz, one year, have moved to Elba. They are residing in Mrs. Elders old home, which is located across the Kinston Highway, near Brookdale, from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Payne.

The Elders family has been living in East Point, Georgia, for the past five years, where he was sole representative for Kordite Corp., selling supplies to dry cleaning plants.

Mr. Elders is a native of Saxton, Pennsylvania. His wife, Ann Payne Elders, is a native of Elba. She is a graduate of Troy College and holds a graduate of Findley College, Findley, Ohio. They met in Jacksonville, Florida, while both were teaching in the schools there and were married in June 1959 here in Elba. Later they moved from Jacksonville to Atlanta, Georgia, where he had been transferred.

Under this provision a farmer with annual gross income as low as \$600 can report net earnings as \$400, or two-thirds of his gross income, to get social security credit for that year.

Information regarding social security taxes and tax return forms can be obtained at your nearest internal revenue office. Questions about old-age, survivors, and disability benefits should be taken up with your nearest social security office.

## Farmers Urged To File Accurate Income Reports

Thousands of self-employed farmers and their dependents have retired with social security benefits since 1954 when Congress extended coverage to this group. Today another 4 1/2 million people whose living depends upon this group, today another 4 1/2 million people whose living depends upon this group, today another 4 1/2 million people whose living depends upon this group.

Urging farmers in this area to file prompt and accurate income and earnings report for 1964, Harry N. Scott, social security district manager, pointed out that failure to do so may result in reduced social security benefits or the loss of benefits.

Also, he said, low-income farmers can build social security protection. Mr. Scott cited a special optional provision in the law which enables farmers whose net earnings are less than \$400 to acquire social security credits. It works like this:

If a farmer's gross income from farm self-employment is between \$600 and \$1,800, he may count two-thirds of his gross farm income as net income for social security.

If gross farm income is over \$1,800 and net farm earnings are less than \$1,200, he may report either his actual net or \$1,200.

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**BRUNSWICK STEW BUBBLES** - Pictured stirring the hundreds of gallons of brunswick stew cooked for the Dorsey Trailers barbecue last Wednesday are Houston "Babe" McCullough, Howard Kelley and J. O. Bailey, Personnel Director at Dorsey Trailers. Management and employees of Dorsey Trailers joined together in cooking barbecue last Wednesday morning for the big 4 o'clock supper that afternoon at the Dorsey plant. More than 1,000 pounds of meats, including pork, beef, and chickens, was cooked. The menu consisted of barbecue, brunswick stew and cole slaw.

## Charles G. Ellis, Jr. Selected To Participate For "Outstanding Young Man Of The Year" In Alabama

Charles G. Ellis, Jr., has been selected from the Elba Jaycees as a candidate for one of the four "Outstanding Young Men of the Year", from the State of Alabama. The state contest will be held at the Alabama Jaycee's winter conference in Mobile the latter part of January, 1965.

Ellis lives at 410 Hickman Avenue, Elba. He is 28 years of age, born in Enterprise September 30, 1936. He is the son of Mrs. B.P. Austin and the late Mr. Charles G. Ellis. He married the former Betty Joyce Watson, of Enterprise, and they have two sons, ages 6 and 8. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Elba and a Junior Department teacher for three years. He attended Grammar schools in Columbus, Georgia, Cullman, Montgomery and Elba, and was a member of the Cub Scouts, Royal Ambassadors, Youth Choir and Boy Scouts. He has been a cheerleader for four years.

Anne plans to attend Mobile General Hospital School of Nursing following graduation. Her plans are to be a public health nurse.

**MISS ANNE STEVENS**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stevens, has been chosen Good Citizenship Girl of 1964-65 at Zion Chapel High School. She is a senior, secretary of the class, treasurer of the Beta Club, secretary of the PTA, reporter of the French Club and reporter of the 4-H club. She has been cheerleader for four years.

Anne plans to attend Mobile General Hospital School of Nursing following graduation. Her plans are to be a public health nurse.

**ELBA CIGARS DEFEAT TROY TROJANS 71-42 TO MAINTAIN PERFECT SLATE**

The Elba Tiger basketball team added another victory to their perfect slate by beating the Troy Trojans 71-42. The high scorer for the Tigers was

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